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1. Terminal Evaluation

Joint Terminal Evaluation between the MoLG and JICA was conducted from 21st May 2015 to 6th June 2015 by Ms. Komukai Eri, Mr. Tugabiirwe Emanuel, Ms. Miyagawa Yoshiko and Ms. Ichimiya Naomi. The results of the evaluation were reported to the TWG meeting on 4th June 2015. The evaluation team recommended to the attendances of TWG meeting as follows;

- The local government should continuously utilize the knowledge and skills gained through ACAP in planning and implementation of development projects
- The MoLG should conduct regular monitoring and supervision to districts, including field visits.
- The Ugandan Government shall consider to incorporate planning tools developed by the Project into Planning Guideline prepared by National Planning Authority in 2014

The evaluation team concluded that the Project purpose will be sufficiently achieved by the end of Project period (November 2015).



Interview to TPC members of Koch Goma S/C, Nwoya District



Presentation of Terminal Evaluation Report to PS of MoLG by Evaluation Team Leader

Abbreviations

MoLG– Ministry of Local Government
JICA– Japan International Cooperation Agency
TWG– Technical Working Group
DCDO– District Community Development Officer
PS– Permanent Secretary
TPC– Technical Planning Committee
uPVC– Un-plasticized Polyvinylchloride
TSU 2– Technical Support Unit 2
S/C– Sub county; TCs– Town councils
CDOs– Community Development Officers
TOT– Training of Trainers
CDD– Community Driven Development
LC 1– Local Council 1
MoU– Memorandum of Understanding

2. Pilot Project III Implementation

Nwoya and Pader Districts completed borehole drilling by end of July, 2015, while Amuru and Kitgum Districts completed in August, 2015.



Borehole Drilling Supervision, Kitgum District



Hand Pump Installation in Amuru District



A Borehole Final Inspection in Nwoya District

In addressing water quality problems caused by corrosion, uPVC and Stainless steel pipes are installed instead of GI pipes in third round of pilot projects. For Boreholes with pump depth not exceeding 33m, uPVC pipes are installed. For boreholes with pump depths exceeding 33m, stainless steel pipes are installed.

3. Thematic Workshop in Procurement and Supervision

Thematic workshop in procurement and supervision was held on 23rd and 24th of July, 2015 in Gulu Town. The main objective of the workshop was to share the experiences, good practices and lessons learnt by four Districts of Amuru, Kitgum, Pader and Nwoya during the implementation of the pilot projects together with other three Districts of Gulu, Lamwo and Agago.

The invited participants from seven Districts of Acholi Sub-region were District Water Officers, Procurement Officers, District Community Development Officers, District Health Inspectors and some sub-county extension workers. Mr. Henry Kimeru, Water Development Specialist, from TSU2 Lira branch also participated. The four pilot Districts shared their experiences, good practices and lessons learnt in Procurement activities, Contract Management and Sustainability Measures during the pilot projects implementations and based on their experiences, discussions and ideas sharing by participants were conducted. This is expected to benefit the participants to apply such approaches in addressing similar situations in their future implementation activities.



TSU2 staff giving his address to members.

4. Spreading the Planning Tools to Agago, Lamwo and Gulu Districts

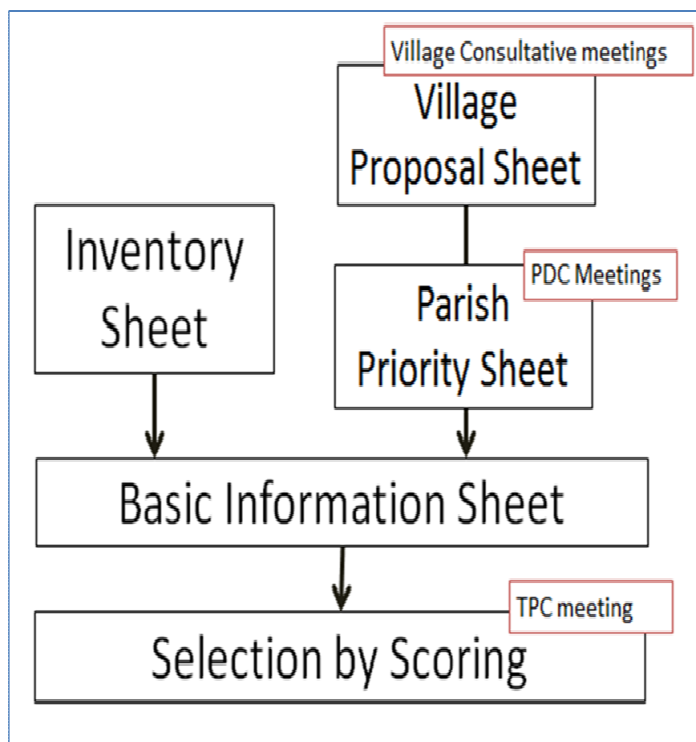
~Training on Selection Criteria at the Sub Counties and Town Councils~

As Planning tools had already been rolled out and utilized in all the S/Cs & TCs in the 4 pilot districts of Kitgum, Pader, Amuru and Nwoya, ACAP project focussed its activities on other 3 districts in the last 3 months.

After the Training of Trainers (TOT), the heads of S/C and the TCs in the districts of Agago, Lamwo and Gulu conducted trainings of their respective technical planning committee members, all this trainings were conducted at their S/Cs and TCs offices.

So far training have been completed in all the Town Councils and Sub Counties in Agago, Lamwo and Gulu District.

The project will embark on the monitoring of the progress of the planning process with emphasizing utilization of the related sheets in each process; Feedback sheet for giving feedback information to the community; Inventory sheet for situation analysis; Village Proposal sheet for recording community priorities with essential but simple information in Village Consultative Meeting; Parish Priority sheet for ranking community priorities from villages by PDC; Basic Information sheet and Scoring sheet for scoring the community priorities in S(Sub-County)-TPC meeting. The flow of the sheets is shown below.



Padibe East S/C in Lamwo District



Wol S/C in Agago District



Unyama S/C in Gulu District

5. Livelihood Improvement

ACAP is supporting local government for strengthening their capacity to carry out livelihood programme especially CDD (Community Driven Development. Pilot projects are being carried out in the sub-counties of Koch Goma & Purongo in Nwoya District, Attiak & Pabbo in Amuru District, Latanya & Ogom in Pader District and Layamo & Omiya Anyima in Kitgum District.

Sub-county CDOs participated and facilitated the process of implementation of the pilot project first phase [7 animal tractions and 1 heifer rearing]. The processing of CDD application forms, CDD group assessment and work plan development were done among others. A series of meetings also took place with the different communities/ groups implementing the pilot projects to develop work plan for the projects.



Work Plan Development in Omiya Anyima S/C

During the work plan development the communities have done the following with the support by the project:

- Make bylaws for guiding the implementation of the projects [such as operation and maintenance of the animals, usage of the oxen by group, taking care of the oxen etc]
- Make kraal and shed for the animals
- Secure fund for drugs for spraying against ticks, deworming and treatment of animals in case of sickness.
- Make land agreement between the group and owner of the land who provide the land for free.

The groups appreciate the idea of making shed because it would keep their animals healthy by providing good hygiene, protecting them from rain and sunshine. Traditionally in Acholi oxen are not kept under shed so this is a new idea the project has introduced and the groups have picked it up.



Shed constructed by group in Koch Goma S/C

Following the completion of work plan development and follow up visit to confirm if the communities has done what they needed, a MoU was signed between the groups, ACAP and Sub county witness by the DCDO.

After the work plan development, both the group representatives and ACAP staff participated in the procurement of oxen and heifers in Amach market in Lira. In total 66 oxen together with 33 ox-ploughs and 8 heifers were bought for 12 groups. In addition 8 sprayers were also bought for 8 groups.



Procurement of oxen in Amach market, Lira

Immediate outcome realized from the project now is that 3 groups are already using their oxen for cultivation. In Koch Goma, Wangcayo women group have used oxen to plough and plant 1 acre of soy bean and sunflower this season. Other groups are training oxen.



Together with CDO of Laguti S/C
(Pader District) in September 2014

<Thankful word>

-Mr. NAKAJIMA Kosuke (Local Governance)-

Dear friends in Acholi,

This is Kosuke Nakajima from Japan. I left Uganda in June 2015 because my contract period was over after spending two years and one month to work together with Planners, Sub-County Chiefs/Town Clerks and CDOs in Acholi Sub-Region. We have developed the Planning Tools (selection criteria, scoring system for prioritization and necessary sheets) and introduced them to all Sub-Counties and Town Councils. We have made some actual and meaningful improvement for prioritization process at the level of Sub-Counties/Town Councils and I believe that the quality of planning will become even better if the Sub-Counties/Town Councils utilize the Planning Tools continuously under supervision of District Planning Units. Finally, I would like to express gratitude for giving me this opportunity to work and live in Acholi. It was wonderful and unforgettable experience.

Thank you very much!

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